

Preventive Services Information Sheet Immunizations

Why should I have my child immunized?

All children require immunizations (shots) to protect them from a number of dangerous childhood diseases. All of these diseases can lead to very serious medical complications and, in some cases, death.

Where can I get free vaccinations?

In Idaho, all children age 0 through 18 years are eligible to receive state-supplied (free) vaccine from participating private physicians, local health district, hospitals and community health centers. Providers may charge a small fee for giving the vaccine, **but no child will be denied** vaccinations due to an inability to pay.

What diseases are prevented by vaccines?

- Diphtheria
- Tetanus (Lockjaw)
- Pertussis (Whooping Cough)
- Polio
- Measles

- Mumps
- Rubella
- Hemophilus influenzae type b (Hib disease)
- Hepatitis B
- Varicella (Chicken Pox)

Immunization Reminder Information System (IRIS)

IRIS will keep track of the immunizations your child receives and can be used by your child's doctor to send reminders for when the next shots are due. The records can be retrieved even if you change doctors or get shots at another facility. This helps to make sure your child receives all the recommended vaccinations and does not get extra shots that are not needed.

Where can I get more information?

Call the Idaho CareLine at 2-1-1 or 1-800-926-2588 or 1-208-332-7205 (TDD) or your local health district for more information about immunizations and vaccines.





Preventive Services Information Sheet Well-Child/Well-Baby Checkups

Why should my child have a checkup?

- Well-baby and well-child checkups are as important as taking your child to the doctor when he's sick. Your doctor will check to see how well your child is eating, growing, developing, hearing, and seeing.
- Your doctor can determine which immunizations your child needs and enter the records into IRIS- Idaho's Immunization Registry.
- Your child needs to be checked for lead poisoning. Children should be checked when they are 1 year old and no later than their 6th birthday. Your child can have lead poisoning and not seem sick. Lead in your child's body can lower his IQ and his ability to learn.

How often should my child have a checkup?

Well Child Check-up Schedule

Age	✓	√		✓		✓	√		✓
Babies	1 Week- 1 Month	2 Month	4 Month		6 Month		9 Month		12 Month
1-3 yr	15 months 18 mo		nths 24 m		nonths	30	0 months		36 months
3-19 yr	1 check-up every year								

Where can my child have a checkup?

The best place for your child to get a checkup is from your family's regular doctor. If wellness exams (well-baby and well-child checkups) are not covered by your child's health insurance plan under the Access Card or Access to Health Insurance program, your child may get checkups at free clinics or a low-cost community health center. To find the location nearest you, please call the Idaho CareLine at 2-1-1 or 1-800-926-2588 or visit them on the web at www.idahocareline.org.